

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 60

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A RESOLUTION directing the Select Oversight Committee on Education to review, study, and make any necessary recommendations regarding the allocation and distribution of BEP teacher supply funds.

WHEREAS, the amount of BEP funding for teacher materials and supplies has not been increased since 1992; and

WHEREAS, educators consistently spend considerable amounts of money out of their own pocket for student materials and supplies; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Select Oversight Committee on Education is hereby directed to review out-of-pocket expenses by teachers and the current methods of distributing BEP teacher supply funds. In addition to considering the adequacy of the amount of funding generated for materials and supplies through the Basic Education Program, the committee shall also consider the following:

1. The adequacy of the definition of "eligible" educators;
2. The timeline in which the monies should be received and spent; and
3. The amount of discretion individual educators have over the utilization of the funding received.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Select Oversight Committee on Education shall hear testimony from interested parties and that information gained during this hearing shall be compiled and presented to the chairs of the Senate and House Education Committees no later than December 18, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Select Oversight Committee on Education.